

canadian camping

WOW! WHAT A GREAT PLACE TO CAMP!

by Jack Pearse

In the summer of 1949, I directed Holland Cove Camp on the South Shore of Prince Edward Island on the beautiful Northumberland Strait. One day, Ivan Robinson and I were on the waterfront at Holland Cove watching the tide come in and I recall Ivan saying, "What a great place to camp!"

Twenty years later in 1969, Al Browning and I were walking on a trail at Burry Heights Camp up the east coast from St. John's. The Newfoundland and Labrador Camping Association had just been born and we were excited about that. I was excited about the east coast of Newfoundland, too and I thought, "What a great place to camp!"

In the late winter of 1976, we took a bus tour from Quebec City to the gorgeous Montmorency Forest where, for the C.C.A. Annual Meeting, we joined delegates to Canada's first French Language Camping Conference. I sat beside Marg Pezderic on the bus and we agreed that the Montmorency Forest is a great place to camp!

Last March, Murray Wickware and I were driving to Halifax following a Nova Scotia Camping meeting at Sydney and as we passed Bras d'Or Lake, the Cape Breton Highland and Canso Strait, I thought "What a great place to camp!"

I have just returned from a tour of the four Western Provinces where camping is surely alive and well and flourishing. In Manitoba, there was a great meeting with Punch Jackson, Shanley Parkinson and Sharon Gould as they outlined an ambitious plan for leadership development in the M.C.A. In June of our Centennial Year 1967, we opened up the new Bird's Hill Park north of Winnipeg. Twenty four thousand Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs and I sang camp songs and I thought "What a great place to camp!"

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A Director's Checklist

JANUARY

by Eanswythe Flynn

A season for business details.... income tax forms and reports, revised camp folders and forms; re-check new supplies of letterhead, envelopes statement forms.

Order crests, penants, camp T-shirts, postcards, etc.

Mail camp folders when they arrive from the printers.

Arrange special programme for camp reunion: make attractive invitation and mail three weeks before the event.

Prepare progress letter to campers, giving camps news about campers and staff.

Engage staff, nurse and doctor for the summer-as soon as possible.--Have contracts signed and sealed.

Get last year's staff members together to ask for suggestions for the summer, special projects for campers, new ideas for programme, new canoe routes or out-trip hikes to new sites.

Arrange a meeting with camp cook to check on additional food supplies, menu changes, any kitchen equipment in need of replacing.

Arrange for out-of-town interviews, or send instructions and names of prospective and former campers to representative.

FEBRUARY

Arrange for staff attendance at Provincial Camping Conferences.

Check with in town and out-of-town schools regarding closing dates and arrange camp dates accordingly.

Keep working on staff in interviews. Consult local Counsellor Placement Service.

Review and prepare rules for counsellors, regarding duties, responsibilities, time off, behavior in camp and out of camp, supervision of campers and cabins, and discuss them with staff during interviews.

Make plans for in-town counsellor training

Make initial contacts with food suppliers and order early. Arrange with nearest greengrocer, milk supplier and bakery for all necessary summer deliveries.

Get in touch with maintenance staff to see about necessary repairs to buildings or boats and any additional tent floors or cabins necessary for summer use.

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COVER We have incorporated the cover of the "Canadian Camping" Magazine, Vol. 27 No. 1 to Vol. 28 No.3, designed by Violet Catlin, Graphics, 4 Canzone Dr., Toronto, into the front page of this and the previous six newsletters.

More than 1000 delegates attended the Christian Camping International Conference at the Banff Springs Hotel in Alberta - the next stop on my recent western tour. What an exciting and exhilarating experience that was! The fellowship, the singing, the worship, the dedication to camping gave me goose bumps. Lavern and Mrs. Jantz and I were walking along the Bow River at the Bow Falls during the C.C.I. Conference surrounded by the magnificence of Mount Rundle, the Fairholm Range, Cascade, Tunnel and Sulphur Mountains. truly breathtaking and I thought, "Wow - what a great place to camp!"

Gary Luthy and Jean Funk organized camping meetings for us in Calgary and Edmonton. The Alberta Camping Association has lots of balls bouncing and we had a super A.C.A. Board Meeting. I stayed overnight with Gary at the Calgary Y.M.C.A. Camp and, the next morning, I looked out at the spectacular, purple-toned bold face of Yamnuska. What a sight! And, I said to the magpie outside the door of my cabin, "What a great place to camp!" From Bow Falls to Bold Face in 30 miles.

As always, Grant and Lorna McKeen were most gracious hosts in Vancouver and it gave me "the other side of the mountain" lift to meet with the committed camping folk of B.C. John and Sue Hasell took me on a vigorous hike along the rocky north shore of Vancouver Harbour and as we looked out over the enormous expanse of the Pacific Ocean that leads to Hawaii, Japan, Australia, India, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Holland Cove Camp away out there, I thought, "Wow - what a great place to camp!"

The next day Eileen Mayotte and I drove from Regina to Saskatoon for a meeting with Marg Pezderic and Ben Pickford to discuss Saskatchewan camping. We were passing Blackstrap Lake and the famous man-made Blackstrap Mountain - the "Prairie Pimple" - as an enormous full moon emerged on our right. On our left, was the most incredible sunset one could imagine with colours from the Cape Breton Highlands, Yamnuska's bold face and Pat Russel's very pretty dress which she wore at the B.B.C.A. meeting the previous evening. Eileen and I were surrounded by 360 degrees of horizon for as far as we could see. "What a great place to camp!"

I am home now and this past week, I visited one of my favorite camps in the ruggedly beautiful Muskoka area of Ontario. I sat on the dock at the waterfront feeling good all over about camping, about camping people, about campers, about camps and our impact on young lives and I thought - "What a great place to camp-

CANADA!"

Jack Pearse is the President of the Canadian Camping Association.



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WHAT YOU SAY AND

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Perhaps I might just emphasize again a very important point which we discussed at our last staff meeting.

There are of course many ways of handling a problem like this. We have found that the following methods work rather well ...

You will understand, I am sure, that there are certain matters of camp policy which must be decided by the camp director.

It is very difficult for heads of activities to maintain their high teaching standards unless assisting staff are punctual at all times.

Perhaps we might make an effort, as time is a little short, to confine our attentions to one or two important things which have come up.

I am sure you will realize that it is difficult for any group of women to live happily together for eight weeks unless we all make an effort to co-operate in every way.

You have learned a great deal from your summer with us, I am sure. Perhaps another year you might find it challenging to try a (a) larger, (b) smaller, (c) different, (d) American camp.

WHAT YOU MEAN!

Great Scott! How did I EVER ...?

HOW often do I have to tell you?

Do it my way, will you!

Who's running this camp anyway?

Have you ever been on time for anything?

Let me do the talking!

DO stop griping!

Thank heavens you won't be back!

HIRING STAFF?

— here are a few ideas

During the coming months, Camp Directors will be selecting their staffs for the summer ahead. This is one of the most important jobs they will have all year. The success of the summer depends on making good decisions. Here are some thoughts, new and old, which might prove of value.

Though many new members of staff will be selected from the campers of previous summers, some will be new. Experience has shown that previous camp experience and a high degree of skill in camp activities are not always necessary requisites for a person to be a member of your staff.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS: are of great value. Granted the situation is artificial - interviewing a potential member of staff in an urban setting is difficult in its own right as directors are out of their natural environment. Add to this the fact that the interviewee and the interviewer are both trying to project an "image of themselves", it's a wonder that they work as well as they do. However, first impressions often do have a way of being pretty accurate. Be objective, don't take someone on staff merely because they are "looking good."

PERSONALITY: a Camp can handle a limited number of "characters." "Characters" are essential for "colour", they are like the paint on the paddle. The blade, however, is what does the work and most members of your staff will be a part of the blade... flexible, strong, ready to work hard when necessary, able to keep a steady stroke and, not demanding attention when not in use. If you can find people for your staff who have an inner strength and confidence -- who are courteous and sensitive about hurting other peoples' egos -- who consider themselves a part of a whole -- who think that construction has merit over destruction -- who prefer forgiveness to feuding and indulgence to violence, then you will have chosen well and your campers will have a super summer.

SELF-CONFIDENCE: Is your candidate a person who has an aura of self-confidence? "Nothing succeeds like success." If the applicant feels that the job is one which he can handle ably this is important. A little concern and a little humility are good too, but there must be some assurance that the applicant feels comfortable with himself if he is to create a similar feeling in others.

FRIENDLINESS: Is the applicant a person who appears to be cheerful and looking forward to having new experiences. Who wants a member of staff parading around giving the impression of being "the Creator's gift to camping" or reliving an excellent imitation of Chief Thundercloud?

FLEXIBILITY: How flexible is the applicant? Does he accept ideas easily? Does he understand the program and purposes of your camp and agree with them? Is he open-minded enough to realize that each summer is different and each group of children will show needs different from all the others?

LEADERSHIP: One of the most important questions which you can ask yourself when

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HIRING YOUR STAFF

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making a decision about hiring is..."How would I feel about letting this person take a group of my campers on a trip?" If you are worried now -- imagine how you would feel if you hired the person for the summer! It is essential that your members of staff have the potential to meet emergency situations with intelligence, maturity and self confidence. Ask the applicant specific questions about possible emergent situations, for example: "What would you do if one of your campers was missing when you woke up in the morning?" or "Suppose you broke your leg on a trip fifty miles from camp. What would you do?"

CHEERFULNESS: Most campers come to camp to have fun. Counsellors who appear to have a fondness for "powertripping" do not often add to the good times of their campers. Try to find someone who likes working with his campers, a "WE" person rather than a "THEY" person.

REFERENCES: are valuable is you know the reputation of the referee. Some of those "saints in script" you may read of in letters of reference don't turn out that way on the job. PHONE one of the referees if you want more information in confidence. Ask the questions you want answered. Evaluate the referee, then your applicant.

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES: These can be helpful in determining attitudes and interests. If an autobiography can be sent so that it may be read before the interview it might make it easier for both parties. An autobiography gives the applicant a chance to write a considered statement in familiar surroundings. Be sure to keep the autobiographies of those you hire as they are often useful for reference during the summer.

STAFF INTERVIEW EVALUATION

	<u>RATING</u>
<u>APPEARANCE</u>	_____
<u>COMPOSURE</u>	_____
<u>MATURITY</u>	_____
<u>SELF-CONFIDENCE</u>	_____
<u>FRANKNESS</u>	_____
<u>LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL</u>	_____
<u>EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN</u>	_____

RATINGS: Sometimes a simple rating system can be of value in the final determination regarding whether or not you hire a person. Using the same basic list for various applicants will give you a way of comparing as well as a record of your ability to interview. (Look at the ratings during the summer and compare your rating then to the initial interview.) You will probably want to develop your own set of notes and rating system, but the chart on the preceeding page could be of value as a starter. Keep it in front of you to make notes during the interview. Rate the applicant on a scale of one to ten. After each heading develop your own set of questions to help you make an accurate evaluation.

for example:

(5)"Concern for Others"

- (a) What groups or organizations have you worked for?
- (b) Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, how do you relate to one another?

Questions such as these will help give you the information you want and will help to avoid awkward pauses and questions which may be irrelevant.

These are a few of the many characteristics you may want to include in an evaluation sheet of your own. Other characteristics such as patience, fairness, sense of humour, honesty, imagination, reliability, enthusiasm and a high set of personal standards are some others which you may wish to add to your list.

The future of your camp and, of camping in Canada depends on the quality of leaders selected for our camp staffs.

"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in others the conviction and will to carry on... the genius of a good leader is to leave behind him a situation which common sense, without the grace of genius can deal with successfully."

Walter Lippman

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	1978	JANVIER	APRIL	1978	AVRIL
16	Envoi de renseignements touchant les stages des fédérations sportives et stages organisés par l'Association				OCA Profession Leadership Development Weekend, Phase III
17	Section français - Exécutif - Conseil d'administration		7-9	Séminar des directeurs de camps	
18	Exécutif Provincial - Réunion du Conseil Provincial		11	OCA Annual Meeting at Ont. Soc. of Crippled Children, Toronto, Ontario	
19-22	CCA National Conference, Geneva Park, Ontario		12	Exécutif - Section français - Conseil d'administration	
22-23	CCA Board Meeting, Camp Tawingo, Huntsville, Ontario		19	Souper-causerie - Région de Quebec	
	OCA Open Meeting		20,21	CCA Board Meeting and Annual Meeting in Manitoba	
26	BCCA Annual General Meeting		21-23	MCA Conference	
27	MCA Annual General Meeting				
27-29	OCA Regional Campference, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario				
30	Souper-causerie - Région de Montréal thème "Plein air - publicité dépliants"				
FEBRUARY	1978	FÉVRIER	MAY	1978	MAI
3-5	Fin de semaine d'Animation (Région de Quebec)		1	Date limite pour payer cotisation	
16-18	OCA Conference, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario		6	OCA Counsellor Conference, Centennial College, Toronto, Ontario	
22	Reunion Conseil Provincial			SCA Spring Conference and Annual Meeting - Prince Albert National Park, Saskatchewan	
23	Souper-causerie - Région de Montréal theme "Recrutement - mode de sélection"		10	Assemblée générale annuelle - Sect. fran.	
28-3	March - American Camping Association Convention, Anaheim, California		12-14	ACQ Stage de plein air	
			17	ACQ-QCA Réunion Conseil Provincial	
			19-22	NSCA Leadership Training Weekend, Camp Hillis. West Paradise, Annapolis Coounty, Nova Scotia	
			26-28	ACQ Stage de plein air	
MARCH	1978	MARS	<div> <p>They say the answer to your problems is just around the corner.</p> <p>Why not take a walk and find out.</p>  <p>PARTICIPATION Walk a block. Today.</p> </div>		
Feb 28 - March 3	ACA Convention, Anaheim				
2-9	ACQ-QCA semaine de Camps				
15	Exécutif - Section français - Réunion Conseil Provincial				
16	Souper-causerie - Région de Montréal thème "formulaires - Mécanismes de contrôle"				

Happy Trails

Père Paul

It is with truly mixed feelings that Canadian Camping and Canadian campers bid farewell to C.C.A. Vice-President, Abbé Paul Bélanger.

We are saddened because we will miss Paul Bélanger. We will miss him at Camp Keno. We will miss him in the Association des Camps du Québec. We will miss him on the French Language Camping Committees. We will miss him and his nationwide impact as C.C.A. Vice-President. In all parts of Canada, we will miss, as we remember fondly, his rousing, colourful, exciting soirees.

Our mixed feelings come out of our joy and admiration, that Paul has been asked to serve God in a four-year ministry in Rome, Italy as an Assistant General for his religious order - the Maristes.

In his new assignment he is responsible for the Maristes' religious and educational emphasis in Québec, New England and France. What a choice for the Church to make! We knew all along about Paul's Outstanding leadership, didn't we?

In 1964, Paul founded Camp Ecole Keno which is located approximately 60 miles northwest of Québec City. He has been a keen member of the Provincial Board of the Québec Camping Association, President of the Association des Camps du Québec, the A.C.Q. delegate to the Federation de Canot Camping, the first President of the French Language Camping Committee of the C.C.A. and Vice-President of the C.C.A.

He was chairman of the first Canadian Conference on French Language Camping at the Montmorency Forest in April 1976.

When the C.C.A. Board was struggling with the revision of our constitution at a meeting in Regina in 1971, it was Paul Bélanger who convinced us in his delicately kind and inimitable way that we ought to give warm recognition to our two languages in the C.C.A. We became

convinced, committed and constituted and, out of the Regina meeting, emerged Le Comité des Camps Français and a new constitution with this stated purpose - "To promote the development of Camping in Canada with the highest ideals and traditions of both language groups consistent with the national heritage of Canada."

Paul, as you embark on your new life and service in Italy, we in Canadian Camping will hold you in our hearts with grateful thanks as we wish you God-speed and happy trails.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone
All that we give into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own."

PAUL BÉLANGER

Paul Bélanger, figure bien connue dans l'Empire des bois et des blés, "a mari usque ad mare", s'affiche maintenant dans le monde international. Sa nomination, à Rome comme Conseiller Général de la Société de Marie, l'arrache à l'Association des Camps du Canada, à l'Association des Camps du Québec, au Camp-Ecole-Keno, ce bébé qui fait ses premiers pas dans les sentiers battus des ancêtres en camping. Sur un plateau d'argent, des milliers de travailleurs en loisirs semblent l'offrir, à regret, à un monde lointain et quasi étranger. Paul, semblable à un héros épique en quête de grands espaces, quitte les patelins aimés, que dis-je, chéris de sa personne, les camps de son pays, pour une aventure, de prime abord, étonnante, presque féérique qui n'a aucun lien direct avec les aventures fantastiques à travers bois, lacs et rivières qu'il a conquises avec fierté.

Paul traverse maintenant les mers et les océans comme un géant ouvré à l'air des impressionnantes montagnes laurentiennes qu'il a humées avec tant d'appétit. Le visage tourné vers la nature qui l'a pétri, vers les copains qu'il a soutenus et encouragés grâce à un dynamisme légitime-
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ment enviable, Paul fait figure de prophète en loisirs dont la marque profonde de son amitié restera longtemps gravée dans le coeur de ses compatriotes canadiens.

A titre de vice-président des Camps du Canada, il aspirait avec noblesse à la présidence pour servir la cause si chère des défenseurs du "Plein Air" dans notre patrie. La Belle Province lui reconnaissait les dons de leader au sein du Conseil d'administration de l'Association des Camps du Québec. Il animait avec sagacité à titre de président de la Section française, les directeurs des camps français qui se sentaient soulevés par une vague de fond au cri vibrant de foi et d'espérance en la nature, source d'interiorité.

Peut-on, non sans un chagrin mal dissimulé, de laisser lécher d'autres rives, vases antiques ciseles au coeur de humanité, et ne pas dire "MERCI" pour l'oeuvre titanique, érigée et sublimée avec tant d'ardeur et de dévouement ? Canadiens-français ! Canadiens-anglais ! une page d'histoire vient de tourner, mais le verso ne peut rester sans suite. Paul nous dit, tout simplement: "Continuez à écrire l'histoire merveilleuse des Camps de mon pays, en chantant ALOUETTESKI".

Rosaire Poussard

Cross Canada Checkup

Some changes on the C.C.A. Board, made necessary by Paul Belanger's new posting are; Eileen Mayotte of Saskatchewan, has accepted the position of Vice-President and Jane McCutcheon of Ontario replaces her as Secretary.

(Watch for pictures and a brief profile of all the Executive in the next issue.)

M. Rene Rousseau, Director of Camp Edphy, 14e avenue, Val-Morin, Quebec is the new President of the Association des Camps du Québec.

The British Columbia Camping Association has a new Field Co-ordinator, Miss Nancy Greig.

Paul Bélanger was honoured at a dinner given by the ACQ-QCA in Quebec City on November 24, 1977.

Jocelyn Palm, President of the O.C.A. is the new owner and director of Camp Glen Bernard, Sundridge, Ontario.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Camping Association was held at the Downsview Motel in Sackville on Dec. 2&3.

As a result of the Task Force on Camping completed in the spring of this year, the C.C.A. decided to continue with some of its committees and projects from past years and to establish some new ones. The following have accepted the chairmanship of the C.C.A. Committees and Projects for 1977-78.

COMMITTEES

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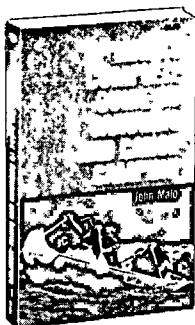
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—wilson mizner

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CANOEING

MALO'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO CANOEING AND CANOE CAMPING—John Malo This most authoritative and informative book is an indispensable reference for beginner and seasoned outdoorsman alike. Packed with pictures, diagrams, historical background, technical know-how, and glossary. 278p. Softbound Collier, 1969 **\$2.95**



BASIC RIVER CANOEING — Robert E. McNair The complete manual of white water canoeing. Begins where flat water canoeing books end and simply and concisely describes how and why the components of wild water, canoe and paddle equal high adventure. 104p. Softbound. ACA, 1969 **\$2.00**



TEACHING RIDING AT SUMMER CAMP—Steven D. Price. This book is a comprehensive guide to the accomplished rider but inexperienced teacher on the fundamentals of managing a camp stable and teaching children the basics of good horsemanship. The author covers all the aspects of a successful summer on horseback for teacher and pupil alike. Herein is detailed advice on how to conduct programs for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders, and a great variety of special events programs, as well. 64p. Softbound. The Stephen Greene Press, 1971 **\$1.95**



LEARN TO SWIM—Frank Waterman This clear, to-the-point manual outlines a series of lessons and exercises specially designed to increase confidence and skill in the water. 160p. Softbound. Funk & Wagnalls, 1968 **\$1.95**

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ONE LAST TRIP TO MAKE SURE?

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- Leave the top of your piano open to allow the dampness out.
- Put a few mothballs on mattresses, the mice don't like the smell and will usually stay away.
- Take off the screens, there's no point in letting 8 months of weather get at them and they will last about three times longer.
- Put some wood ashes down the pits of the outhouses, this helps lower the "mass".
- Cover the grills of your stoves with wax paper to avoid rust.
- Your turned off walk-in refrigerator is a great place to grow MOLD! Don't forget to leave the doors OPEN.
- Empty clothes washers and dryers are good animal-free storage areas.
- Cover upholstered furniture with sheets to save wear on and color of the fabric caused by the sun.
- Avoid storing canoes flat on the floor because they may warp - put them up on benches or rafters so that both gunwales are used to support the canoe.
- Stuffed mattresses flatten out if you pile them high (also combustion hazard) - so leave them in their own cabin.

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